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PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Business men are hoisting wages, and trade is fairly racing, while g. o. p. with blue foreboding, cries, "Say, what's this I'm facing? It never was this way before; the Dem. old country's gone, I'm sure."

The Standpatters would rather the Colonel's Bull Moose Convention were to be held at some other time and place, as its close proximity to their big pow-wow will embarrass them materially in their attempt to draw the Progressives into their wig-wam.

The Standpat Republican and the Progressive Republican National Conventions are to meet in Chicago the same week in June. Each organization is distrustful and afraid of the other, but both have a sneaking hope that the elephant and the moose will hyphenate. The Colonel may agree if the Standpats consent to make it a moosephant instead of an ele-moose.

The Republican papers that were so clamorous over that mythical "school fund loot" are not having much to say on the subject just now. Perhaps they don't want their readers to know what a deceptive little game they were trying to pull off. Why, since the State school moneys entirely disappeared during the old Draconian regime, and the Democratic party came into control of the State in 1870, it has created or recreated our entire public school system, and has ever been mindful of its best interests.

At the earnest solicitation of prominent St. Louisans, President Wilson, in his speaking itinerary, has consented to stop over in St. Louis on the morning of February 3d. He and his party will be given a public breakfast at the Planters Hotel, and the President has promised to deliver a speech. He is also scheduled to speak at the Coliseum at 10 o'clock. The Coliseum meeting will be non-partisan and open to the public, and will be under the auspices of the Business Men's League, which will be host to the President during his short stay in the city. His speech will be largely devoted to the preparedness defense appeal and much interest is manifested in what he has to say on this most prominent public issue. The President's visit will doubtless attract many from this and adjacent sections of St. Louis to see and hear him.

Col. John T. Boone, a native of Missouri and descendant of the pioneer Daniel Boone, died at his summer home in Neponset, Long Island, on the 24th inst. He was one of the best known life insurance men in the country and was associated for forty years with the New York Life. Since severing his connection with that company he has devoted his later years to the establishing and upbuilding of several new companies. He and Dr. E. G. Simmons, formerly of Farmington, were associated together as fiscal agents of the Pan-American Life Insurance Company of New Orleans, of which Dr. Simmons is now Vice President and General Manager, in the institution of that company. The Colonel was a man who ingratiated himself into the confidence and good graces of men of every calling, was possessed of a large generous nature and was an interesting and genial companion. Though for some years he has been a semi-invalid, to the last he was all nerve, energy and push. The writer is glad to have known him, and extends sincere sympathy to his bereaved wife.

Governor Major last Tuesday decided to withhold all appropriations for buildings and improvements at State institutions, only maintenance, support or salary accounts will be paid. This action was necessary because of the very large over-appropriations made by the last General Assembly, so far exceeding the revenues of the State that a large deficit would occur if it were attempted to carry out the improvements for which the Legislature voted appropriations. The Warrensburg State Normal School will be one of the greatest sufferers, as its buildings were burned last winter, and the \$250,000 appropriated for it, or the greater part of it, cannot be met. The same is true of the \$100,000 appropriated for new structures at the Colony for Feeble Minded at Marshall, and \$65,000 for an intermediate prison building at the Boys' Reformatory at Booneville. All of the State institutions are more or less affected.

WAR FRENZY

"Defenseless America" is a favorite theme of militarists, war munitions manufacturers and political jingoes, who would convert the United States into a military camp and its sea-coasts into one bristling rampart of monster guns that could blow all the navies of the world out of the water before they could approach within sight of land. They hold up before the country a horoscope of some great power steaming over here with a wonderful navy and far-reaching guns and immense transports loaded down with millions of soldiers, taking possession of New York and other seaport towns, and rushing pell-mell over the whole country with its soldiers.

The picture is enough to frighten the timid and unthinking, even if the belittlement of our strength doesn't invite some ambitious nation to undertake the hazardous game, and cause them to believe that the United States is an easy mark of which any dinky little power of Europe or the Orient might make sport.

But such things as our frenzied militarists conjure up are not done in a sport. The most efficient, thoroughly organized and ready-to-strike army the world has ever known, made a brilliant dash for Paris, while France was practically unprepared for the assault. Little Belgium held it in check for a fortnight or more, and when it was almost upon Paris it was driven back, and there it is entrenched today, a year and a half after the first gun was fired, unable to advance and not daring to withdraw.

It is well enough to be prepared to defend our country in the possible—which is by no means a probable—event of attempted invasion by any other nation, and to have a sufficient army of trained tacticians and men to organize and drill a volunteer defense army when necessary; but our monster coast defense guns are not toys, nor our navy to be derided, and any European power that might entertain the temerity of attacking us would hesitate long and deeply before undertaking the game. If any European power should presume on such a hazardous venture, how long could it hold out with its base of supplies three thousand miles away across the waters, whence all its food, munitions and soldiers must be drawn, with other jealous and not too friendly European powers watching its every movement?

Even should it succeed at first in taking some one or two of our seaport towns, no invading army could ever penetrate far into the interior even with nothing but a raw volunteer army that would arise like magic to bar their way. We have the men and men with the spirit to drive them back, the resources to maintain our people, equip an army with guns and munitions, and everything that goes to sustain a people, without depending upon outside help. America is the principal granary of the world, and other nations which depend upon us for foodstuffs would grow restive and soon want to call a halt, and the power that was attacking us would feel the effects.

With such conditions fronting any nation that might have an envious eye on the United States, it would reflect long, seriously and doubtfully over the problem of engaging in war with us; and besides it would be difficult for any such nation in the eyes of the world to hatch up a casus belli, for the United States is not an aggressive nation, has no territorial expansion ambition, and is a champion of universal peace.

President Wilson's conservative preparedness policy is well enough, and the American people as a whole are disposed to favor it, but this militant frenzy, from dwelling too much on the horrors of the European war, that has taken possession of the minds of some of our ambitious army and navy people, war munitions manufacturers and political agitators of the Roosevelt type, is altogether out of place and to be reprehended.

A Socialist presided over the National House of Representatives last Wednesday for a short time, the first instance of its character in the history of Congress. Representative London of New York is the only Socialist in the House, and he was called to act for Speaker Clark when the House rose from sitting as a committee of the whole to receive an executive report.

"Night Riders" Trials at New Madrid Come to Sudden Close

The trials of 67 alleged "Night Riders," which has been in progress at New Madrid for the past two weeks, came to a sudden close last Tuesday, when the prosecution consented to dismiss the charges against four of the defendants and to let 35 others plead guilty and take paroles. This action disposed of all but one of the outstanding cases, and it will probably be adjusted on the same basis.

This unexpected turn of events, which looked almost like a collapse on the part of the prosecution, came after Rice A. Pierce, counsel for most of the accused men, had obtained the first acquittal, that of John Allen, by a speech in which he denounced the land barons of the Citizens' Committee, who were backing the prosecutions, and their methods of dealing with their tenants.

Following the Allen acquittal, a conference took place between Judge McCarty, Prosecuting Attorney Smalley and Attorney Pierce. Then the surprise came, when 33 of the defendants were led in from jail, and heard their lawyer plead guilty for them to the charge of common assault, committed the night of Nov. 22 last, on private detectives. The charge of assault with intent to kill, in the attack on M. R. Adkisson, Nov. 5, was dismissed in all the cases.

The men were sentenced to terms of six months each in the penitentiary, and were immediately paroled on good behavior. The time during which they had been incarcerated was ordered taken off their terms, in case any of them should break his parole and have to go to prison, and the State agreed to pay all costs.

Four other cases were dismissed on an order of nolle prosequi, and George and Dan Ryals, who have lately been on trial, were permitted to plead guilty and be paroled. They disposed of all the cases but that of Noah Wilby, whose jury recently disagreed, after being out 50 hours. An adjustment in this case is expected.

The 12 who last week pleaded guilty and took terms of two years each, and the six who were convicted and sentenced to terms of two to five years each, will have to serve their terms unless Judge McCarty paroled some of them. These, with Allen, who was acquitted, and others who were being used at State's witnesses, make up the list of 67 defendants.

Judge Talks to Men

Judge McCarty made a short talk to the men, addressing them in groups of a dozen or so. "You are free to go home and live the lives of good citizens," he said. "The slate is wiped clean. Hereafter when you have a grievance against your employers, go to them and talk it over. Remember that the laws of this country are too great to be overthrown by any band of men. We have a law that is based

on the laws of the Bible, and under our Constitution, any citizen, rich or poor, can come into court and get justice."

The night-riding movement was directed toward lowering land rents and raising wages of the men employed to clear land in the lower part of the county. Most of those who made the final plea of guilty and were liberated on parole say they were led into the night-riding bands on the representation that they were labor unions.

Attorney Pierce, a former member of Congress from Tennessee, who defended the Reelfoot Lake night riders in that State, made a telling attack on the land barons and the Citizens' Committee, in his speech in behalf of John Allen.

Attorney Pierce's Address

A St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter, who was present at the trial of Allen, who was acquitted, makes the following synopsis of Attorney Pierce's address to the jury:

"There is some blackbanded work in these cases," he said. "I don't know who is doing it, and I don't care a continental. Someone backed Teeters to make a witness of him to convict someone else. Teeters is a sweet nasegay in the prosecution's bunch of flowers."

"He has been caught in the iron grip of the Citizens' Committee, and instead of being lodged in jail with other criminals he now lives at the hotel like a feudal lord of old, with vassals by his side and waiters to do his every bidding. Even his wife has been brought to him that he may not suffer loneliness."

"Every attention is showered upon him by that combination backing the prosecution, not because Teeters has won honors at the cannon's mouth or because he has distinguished himself by his nobility, but because he is a confessed criminal."

"Judge McCarty and I stop at the same hotel in which Teeters and his wife are housed. Teeters's meals are served in his room, while the Judge and I, like 'pikers,' walk into the dining room and take our chances with the rest of humanity."

Talk about your conspiracies, think of the powerful machine that makes possible the transformation of a confessed criminal into a princely being. You know the county is not paying the expenses of this 'prisoner' while he lives in such style."

Land Barons Backing Prosecution
Of the land barons of the section who are backing the prosecution, the following have been in daily attendance here: Newt Anderson, holder of 35,000 acres; A. J. Mathews, 20,000; Caleb Mathews, 10,000; Mat Conran, 20,000; E. E. Smith, 800; T. E. Page, 700, and Beach Stubblefield, 400.

The greatest of the land barons, C. D. Mathews, who owns 100,000 acres, has not been here, but is represented on the committee by his cousins, A. J. and Caleb Mathews.

"NEWS" WAS PREMATURE

A Times reporter this week interviewed Prof. G. W. Moothart in regard to the authenticity of the statements ascribed to him, in last week's News, and found that his reported interview in that paper was entirely incorrect and inaccurate. He had not so much as indicated anything on which to base the statement that he would be a candidate for Congress from this district at the approaching election.

Prof. Moothart, first of all, is a Democrat; he is also a full-sized man, who is always ready to live up to party principles, as he sees and feels such principles. He believes that it often becomes necessary for personal ambitions to be sacrificed in the interest of party welfare, and such is exactly his position in regard to the Congressional race in this District at the present time. Should the situation clarify itself in a way to indicate to Prof. Moothart that he should run, then he would gladly enter the race, but before such clarification takes place he positively is not in the Congressional race this year.

MRS. SULA HAILE NORWINE

Died at her home at 900 South King's Highway, St. Louis, January 30, 1916. She was the youngest daughter of Wm. C. and Mary A. Haile, and was born in Ste. Genevieve county August 18, 1873, thus being 42 years, 5 months and 2 days old. She leaves a devoted husband and two children, William and Jessamine; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Snyder of Bonne Terre, Mrs. Merrill Pipkin of Farmington, and Mrs. E. W. Cole of Fredericktown. Death was due to canceroma.

Only the all-seeing eye knows what she bore in silence, for she concealed her suffering from even her immediate family.

WAGE EQUALITY

Give the M. R. & B. T. Employees a Fair Deal

To the Editor of The Times:—

Is there anyone in the Lead Belt district who does not know that the M. R. & B. T. Ry. was built by the St. Joe Lead Company, and that it is a part and parcel of that great corporation, although operating under a different name?

Yes, and what's more, it is a positive fact that the employees of both the St. Joe Lead Company and the M. R. & B. T. Railway Company are paid out of the same hopper. The pay roll of both corporations is drawn from the same source of revenue.

But here's the rub—This pay roll is not on an equal footing, so far as its distribution is concerned.

Simply because the employees of the Lead Company are being favored by the high-collar officers of that corporation and of the M. R. & B. T., for don't you know the Lead Company employees receive every pay day now a bonus of 10 per cent of their wages over the regular scale of wages?

Do the M. R. & B. T. employees get any bonus?

Not that anybody ever heard of, and yet, in my opinion, so long as they are part of the same corporation as the Lead Company employees, they are as much entitled to the present prosperity bonus, as they call it, as are the Lead Company employees.

I think the bonus for the Lead Company employees is just and right, but I also think the boys who work on the section gangs and in all other departments of the M. R. & B. T. have a right to get a cut of this juicy prosperity lemon.

I only mention all this to show how easy it is sometimes to overlook the

Did It Ever Occur to You?

That "MONEY AT INTEREST IS A GOOD SILENT PARTNER? We take it for granted that you are making more than you are spending. Then you want an Investment. Your surplus earnings should not be idle.

The St. Francois County Bank

Submits the following table showing accumulation of deposits of \$1.00 to \$10.00 weekly and interest at 4 per cent. per annum compounded semi-annually.

Weekly Deposits	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	7 Years
\$1.00	\$53.05	\$108.24	\$165.65	\$225.38	\$287.53	\$352.19	\$419.46
2.00	106.09	216.46	331.30	450.78	575.09	704.41	838.96
3.00	159.13	324.69	496.94	676.15	862.50	1,056.48	1,258.30
4.00	212.18	432.93	662.60	901.55	1,150.15	1,408.79	1,677.89
5.00	265.23	541.17	827.26	1,123.89	1,432.50	1,753.58	2,087.63
6.00	318.27	649.40	993.91	1,352.34	1,725.25	2,113.22	2,496.46
7.00	371.32	757.64	1,159.56	1,577.72	2,012.77	2,465.41	2,936.33
8.00	424.36	865.87	1,325.22	1,803.12	2,300.33	2,817.63	3,355.82
9.00	477.41	974.11	1,490.87	2,028.51	2,587.87	3,169.83	3,775.30
10.00	530.45	1,082.33	1,656.51	2,253.88	2,875.39	3,522.01	4,194.75

A little extra effort on your part will secure any desired sum at a specific time. Consult the above table and open a Savings Account at the ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY BANK today and watch it grow. \$1.00 or more will start you.

hardworking railroad employee, when he has no one to fight his battles in the public print.

I will thank you, Mr. Editor, to publish this in the interest of the railroad boys. I know they will appreciate your kindness.

Yours,
FRIEND OF RAILROADER.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Attendance is improving in all departments since the "grip" has released its hold on the children. The attendance for the past week was as follows:

Mrs. Byington, H. S. bldg.	97.18
Mrs. Gruner, S. ward	95.73
Miss Spough, H. S. bldg.	93.97
Mr. Abernathy, H. S. Dept.	91.87
Miss Baker, Douglas	91.85
Miss Sackman, S. ward	91.56
Mrs. Murrill, N. ward	90.90
Miss Halter, N. ward	89.83
Mr. Staten, Douglas	88.95
Mrs. Lloyd, N. ward	88.15
Miss Swink, S. ward	86.85
Miss Cole, S. ward	85.26
Mrs. Rider, N. ward	79.35
Average for the entire school	90.11

Rev. Father Morgan delivered an address in the High School on Monday morning on "The Significance of High School Graduation." He pleaded earnestly for the development of the physical, mental and spiritual forces in every pupil. His address indicated familiarity with the problems of High School education.

IN HONOR OF MRS. C. H. DENMAN

The ladies of the First M. E. Church entertained at the home of Mrs. Bert L. France, in honor of Mrs. C. H. Denman, who is soon to move to sikeston. Delicious refreshments were served and a most delightful time was enjoyed by all present.

RECEIVER'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance to an order made by the District Court of the United States for the Eastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri, in the matter of Miners Supply Company, Bankrupt, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in bulk and in parcels the entire stock of goods, wares and merchandise of the said Miners Supply Company at its former place of business in the town of Flat River, St. Francois County, Missouri, together with the horses, wagons and harness owned by said Miners Supply Company, on Monday, January 31st, at 12 o'clock noon at the former place of business of the Miners Supply Company, which sale will be for cash and subject to the approval of the Court.

FRANK B. NALL,
Receiver.
MORRIS G. LEVINSON,
Attorney for Receiver.
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Church Notices

The Presbyterian Church

Warner H. DuBose, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Sermon theme: "God's Interest in Small Things."

Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m. Special program.

Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock. Sermon theme: "The Hidden Treasure."

Every believer in God ought to worship Him in some church. We will be glad to have you worship with us Sunday.

Christian Church

J. M. Bailey, Minister

The services at the Christian Church next Lord's day will be as follows:

Bible School at 10 a. m.

Communion and preaching at 11 a. m. The morning subject will be: "The Holy Spirit's Place in the Conversion of Man."

Evening service at 7:30.

A welcome to all.

First Baptist Church

Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham, Pastor

11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., public worship.

9:30 a. m., Sunday School. Classes for all ages.

6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U. service. Dallas Johns, President.

Midweek prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

If you are not attending church elsewhere, come and help us.

M. E. Church

H. H. Mitchell, Minister

Sunday School at 9:30.

Junior sermon at 10:50, morning worship following. Subject: "Our strength."

Dr. B. F. Crissman, District Superintendent, will preach at the evening service.

Epworth League at 6:30, led by the pastor.

Special songs at each service. Mrs. Earl Carleton at the a. m. service; Mr. Charles Francisco at the p. m.

Splendid services are promised at both hours. All are welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

H. Hallerberg, Pastor

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

English Confirmation service at 10:30 a. m. In this service a class of adults will be confirmed and received into membership of the church. Subject of sermon: "Church Membership."

Ladies' Aid meets at 2:30 p. m.

German preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon: "Peter Preaching in Solomon's Porch."

A cordial welcome to all.

Christian Science

Subject of lesson sermon: "Love."

Golden text: I John 4:7.

Services are held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the new Tetley building in the halls of the Schubert School of Music.

All are welcome.

Dr. R. E. Walsh DENTIST

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